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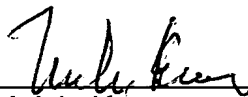
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 10-343120, filed in Japan on December 2, 1998.

The certified copy of the above-referred to Japanese Patent Application was filed on December 2, 1999 in prior application Serial No. 09/452,467, filed December 2, 1999.

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